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Dear Stan:

Despite all the problems you are having, I can attest that the CIA's name is still good. You will be interested in a little incident that happened to me the other day.

I have been giving a series of weekly evening lectures here at Boston University on various Middle East subjects. Last week a young eleven year old grade school student, [redacted] called the office to ask if he might attend. His father brought him to the last lecture, on Egyptian/American Relations. During the discussion period at the end of the lecture, I was surprised and pleased that this little eleven year old got up to ask a question. It was a surprisingly good one, about Soviet reaction to Egyptian involvement in the Yemeni Civil War.

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Yesterday, young [redacted] telephoned again, to ask what the subject of the next lecture will be, and indicated his hope that his father will again bring him. I asked him what prompted his interest in the Middle East. He replied that he had decided to become a "CIA intelligence analyst" and was preparing himself for this. He was reading up on Far Eastern, Middle Eastern and African matters. He wanted to know if I had ever gotten information from the CIA. I told him that I had, and mentioned the various sources of information available to an ambassador. I encouraged him in his objective. He then told me that what I had said was very interesting, and that when he retired from being a CIA intelligence analyst he would consider becoming an ambassador.

So you can see, you are one up on me. He already wants to become a "CIA intelligence analyst." He's only willing to consider becoming an ambassador after he retires from the CIA!

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Hermann Frederick Eilts

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